

Thus we remained close imprisoned for the space of a year and a half, and others for some less time *i* for they came to prison ever as they were apprehended.

During which time of our imprisonment, at the first beginning, we were often called before the Inquisitors alone; and there severely examined of our faith ; and commanded to say the *Pater noster*, the *Ave MARIA*, and the *Creed* in Latin: which, GOD knoweth *I* a great number of us could not say otherwise than in the English tongue. And having the said ROBERT SWEETING, who was our friend at Tescuco always present with them for an interpreter, he made report for us, that in our own country speech, we could say them perfectly, although not word for word as they were in the Latin,

Then did they proceed to demand of us, upon our oaths, " What we did believe of the Sacrament? " and " Whether there did remain any bread or wine, after the words of consecration, Yea or No ? " and whether we did not believe that the Host of bread which the priest did hold up over his head, and the wine that was in the chalice, was the very true and perfect body and blood of our Saviour CHRIST, Yea or No ? "

To which, if we answered not " Yea! " then there was no way but death.

Then they would demand of us, " What did we remember of ourselves, what opinions we had held or been taught to hold contrary to the same, whiles we were in England ? "

So we, for the safety of our lives, were constrained to say that, " We never did believe, nor had been taught otherwise than as before we had said."

Then would they charge us that " We did not tell them the truth. That they knew to the contrary, and therefore we should call ourselves to remembrance, and make them a better answer at the next time, or else we should be racked, and made to confess the truth whether we would or not!"

And so coming again before them, the next time, we were still demanded of " our belief whiles we were in England, and how we had been taught; " and also what we thought, or did know of such of our own company as they did name unto us. So that we could never be free from such demands.

And, at other times, they would promise us that if we would tell them truth, then should we have favour and be set at liberty; although we very well knew their fair speeches